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SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : In view of the useful work done by these parasites—for example in 1959, 39,000 trees were benefited by them and in 1960, 35,000 trees were benefited y them—will the Government consider the question of changing their name from 'parasites to something else?'

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the Hon. Member that there is nothing in the name.

Pablo Boats

* 589 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any damage was caused to the Pablo Boats of Fishermen during October 1958;

(b) the nature and amount of loss to the Government and the concerned fishermen;

(c) whether there was in the agreement that the boats shall be at the risk of the hirer;

(d) whether any amount was written off against this specific provision; if so, why; and

(e) who were the concerned parties?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDAMMAL SIMON : (a) Seven Pablo boats suffered damage on account of the unexpected gale in Royapuram bay on 6th October 1958. Of these four belonged to Fishermen Co-operative Societies, one to a group of fishermen and two to the F isheries Department. The hulls of two boats belonging to the Fisheries Department were damaged beyond repairs, but the engines were put to use again after repairs. The damage to the remaining five boats was minor in nature.

(b) The amount of loss sustained by Government was estimated at Rs. 19,425 as follows :—

	RS.
(i) Loss of two bulls of Pabo boats allotted to, but not taken over by Madras Fishermen Co-operative Federation ...	12,675
(ii) Repair to the two engines of above two boats ...	1,000
(iii) Repair charges met by the Government for the two Pablo boats surrendered by the Kasimedu Fishermen Co-operative Society which was unable to carry out repairs ...	5,750
Total ...	19,425

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The amount of loss sustained by the hirers was Rs. 5,216 as follows :—

Name of hirer	*Amount of loss.*
	RS.
Madras District Fishermen Co-operative Federation	2,950
Balakrishnan and Group, Madras (Salvage charges approximately)	350
Ayodhya Kuppa Fishermen Co-operative Society	1,916
Total	5,216

(c) Yes.

(d) & (e) During the gale the two hulls of pablo boats allotted to but not taken over by the Madars District Fisherment Co-operative Federation were damaged beyond repairs. The question of writing off a sum of Rs. 12,675 being the cost of hulls is under consideration. The question of sanction of a sum of Rs. 1,000 for carrying out repairs to the engins is also under consideration. A sum of Rs. 5,750 was sanctioned as a special case for carrying out repairs to two pablo boats surrendered by the Fishermen Co-operative Society, Kasimedu, to the Fisheries Department as the Society was unable to carry out the repairs.

Cooum river

* 590 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether a scheme to flush the Cooum river and lay a railway line over it for the transport convenience of the people in the City has been brought to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of this scheme?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a), (b) & (c) Sri S. Sivarama Krishnan, retired Accountant-General, has suggested the closing of the Buckingham Canal as a waterway within city limits and utilizing it for a sub-way electric railway track. The suggestion has been referred to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) for remarks. There is no proposal for filling up the Cooum river within city limits and setting up a railway track.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : கூவம் ஆற்றிலிருந்து வருகிற துர் நாற்றத்தை போக்குவதற்கு பீரியாடிகலாக அதிலுள்ள தண்ணீரை ப்ளஷ் அவுட் செய்ய வேண்டுமென்று ஒரு விதி செய்தார்களே அது ஏன் இப்பொழுது கைவிடப்பட்டுவிட்டது? அதைச் செய்வதன் பொறுப்பு கார்போரேஷனுக்கா? அல்லது நமது பொது மராமத்து இலாகாவைச் சேர்ந்ததா? அப்படி-